

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 are presently active; Claim 2 having been amended by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yoshida et al (U.S. Pat. No. 6,255,201). Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshida et al. Claims 2-5 and 8-17 were objected to for being dependent from a rejected base claim but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the response filed September 28, 2004, Claim 6 inadvertently depended from Claim 2. The present amendment corrects the dependency to have Claim 6 depend from Claim 1.


Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the remarks and arguments filed with the response of September 28, 2004, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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